

Sixth Day: Re-read Mark 8:10–21

1. Re-read Mark 8:10–13.
 - a. Jesus always responds compassionately to genuine faith and need, but he will not be fooled or manipulated by those with unfaithful disbelieving hearts.
 - b. Are you discontent with Christ's revelation of himself to you in Scripture and as a result seeking signs for direction in your life?
 - c. Can you identify any way that you are grieving Jesus by your unbelief?
 - d. How often do you seek a sign or ask for a miracle before you run to Jesus in prayer and ask him to reveal his mind to you through Scripture?
2. Re-read Mark 8:14 - 21
 - a. Just as a little bit of yeast has a dramatic and pervasive effect on a loaf of bread, a little bit of sin will have dramatic and pervasive effects. Knowing this are you willing to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal and remove areas of hidden sin and evil influences in your life that will in time grow to hurt you and others around you?
 - b. Over preoccupation with pressing physical needs will hinder spiritual understanding and growth. In what area of your life is your focus on your present physical needs causing you to forget God's faithful provision for you in the past? What will you do to remember God's past faithful so that you can be spiritually growing in the present?

*The Gospel of Mark****Bible Study*****Lesson 10: Mark 8:1–21****First Day: Review your notes from Mark 7:1–37**

1. What stood out to you from the sermon that you found helpful?
2. What from Sunday school helped you understand the passage better?

Second Day: Read Mark 8:1–9 and Re-read Mark 6:31–44

	Mark 6:31-44	Mark 8:1-10
Where did each miracle happen?		(Hint: Mark 7:31)
Describe the nationality of the people that made up each crowd.		
How long was each crowd with Jesus before he responded to their need?		
What was Jesus' emotional response to the crowds' need?		
What was the disciples' response to the need?		
What did Jesus use to feed the crowd?		
What did Jesus do before distributing the food?		
How did the crowds' feel after eating?		
How many baskets full were left over?		
How many people did Jesus feed?		

Third Day: Read Mark 8:10–13

1. What four things did the Pharisees do when interacting with Jesus in verse 11?
2. What was Jesus' response to them?
3. Why did Jesus do some miracles for some people when they asked but not for the pharisees when they asked?
4. Matthew 12:39–42 can help us understand Jesus' seemingly harsh response to the Pharisees. How does Jesus describe the Pharisees' generation? What has the generation done to make it deserve such a description?
5. According to Matthew 12:39-42, although Jesus has no need to prove himself to those with unfaithful and unbelieving hearts, He does promise the sign of Jonah. What sign is Jesus predicting?
6. What is Jesus referring to that is greater than Jonah and greater than Solomon?

Fourth Day: Read Mark 8:14–21

1. What pressing physical need are the disciples focused on?
2. In verse 15, what does Jesus caution the disciples about? What does he mean by the metaphor of leaven?

3. How would you describe the leaven of Herod, and how would you describe the leaven of the pharisees?
4. According to verse 16, the disciples do not grasp the spiritual lesson that Jesus is trying to teach them. What is keeping them from understanding this lesson?
5. According to verses 17–20, how does Jesus diagnose their problem, and what does he remind them of in an effort to teach them?

Fifth Day: Re-read Mark 8:1–9

1. If the feeding of the 5000 was to demonstrate that Jesus is the living bread for Israel, what do you think that the feeding of the 4000 was to demonstrate?
2. In both the story of the feeding of the 5000 and of the 4000, Jesus took a little and did a lot. He did the multiplying, but who did the passing out? What has Jesus multiplied in your life that you need to be passing out to others?
3. Do you see any needs around you that are impossible to accomplish? Do you have limited resources that you could offer to Jesus to multiply to meet those needs?
4. Will you show compassion for someone's physical and spiritual needs today? How?

